

Ehrenburg's War and Peace

EVENTS RUN THEIR COURSE. (By Ilya Ehrenburg. Pravda, Dec. 31, 1951, p. 4. 2800 words) Condensed text:

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George Washington

On July 26, 1777, George Washington addressed a letter to one of his colonels, Alias Dayton, charging him to obtain certain intelligence about the enemy. In conclusion, Washington wrote:

"The necessity of procuring good intelligence is apparent and need not be further urged--all that remains for me to add, is, that you keep the whole matter as secret as possible. For upon secrecy, success depends in most enterprises of the kind, and for want of it, they are generally defeated, however well-planned and promising a favorable issue..."

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Mr. Dulles plays tennis, golf, and used to sail boats on Lake Ontario with his brother, John Foster Dulles. He almost always carries a pipe and smokes rather constantly. Instead of a Mercator projection map he uses the Air Force type of Polar Stereoscopic projection.

He has been active all his life in international affairs--in writing, diplomacy, in law, international law, espionage, intelligence, and finance. He was one of five children of the Reverend Allen Macy and Edith (Foster) Dulles. His father was a Presbyterian minister. His maternal grandfather, John Watson Foster, was secretary of state under President Harrison. After

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Dulles by marriage is a nephew of former secretary of state Robert Lansing.

He was the class valedictorian at the Auburn High School, Auburn, New York. From there he went on to study at the Ecole Alsacienne in Paris and from there to Princeton where he was graduated with a B.A. in 1914. At the age of 23 he joined the U. S. diplomatic corps as a legation secretary in Vienna, Austria. One year later he was transferred to Bern, Switzerland, where he was charged with the duty of gathering political intelligence from the countries of southeast Europe. He attended the Paris Conference in 1918 to 1919 and helped draft the low-echelon sections of the Versailles Treaty.

He then went to Berlin as first secretary. From 1920 to 1922 he was in Constantinople. In 1922 he was returned to Washington to become chief of the State Department's Division of Near Eastern Affairs. During this time he attended George Washington University Law School and in 1926 received his LL. B. He attended the International Conference on Arms Traffic in Geneva in 1925.

In 1926 he resigned from the State Department to enter private law so as to earn enough money to properly support his wife and their three children. He joined the law firm of Sullivan and Crowell and for 14 years was a member of that firm, of which his brother, John Foster Dulles, is also a member.

He has often been attacked by the Communist press, especially by the Daily Worker in New York. Ehrenburg, the Russian propagandist, wrote of him: "Even if the spy Allen Dulles could arrive in heaven through somebody's absent-mindedness, he would begin to blow up the clouds, mine the stars, and slaughter the angels."